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STATE FOR SY/FO, ADDIS FOR RSS, BONN FOR RSO FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOUND AT WEST GERMAN EMBASSY

1. ON 6/11/75, RSO WAS ASKED BY WEST GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL TO COME TO THEIR EMBASSY TO INSPECT PACKAGE THAT THEY HAD FOUND 6/10/75. RSO COMPLIED.

2. GERMAN SECURITY OFFICER HAD FOUND FOUR (4) ANTI-VEHICULAR ROCKETS ENCLOSED IN A CARDBOARD CARTON NORMALLY USED TO PACKAGE BOTTLE OF BALLENTINE SCOTCH. PACKAGE WAS FOUND IN AN UNLOCKED UNCLASSIFIED FILING CABINET IN GROUND FLOOR ROOM TO WHICH LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE ACCESS.

3. RSO INFORMAL INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONTAINER - THE CONTAINER WAS BOUND TOP AND BOTTOM WITH SCOTCH TAPE BUT TAPE ON TOP HAD BEEN BROKEN. TAPE WAS AGED CONSIDERABLY INDICATING THAT IT HAD BEEN IN PLACE FOR SOME TIME.

B. ROCKETS - THE FOUR GREY ROCKETS WERE APPROXIMATELY NINE INCHES LONG, ONE INCH IN DIAMETER WITH CIRCULAR TAIL ASSEMBLY FOR FLIGHT STABILITY. BASE OF EACH HAD A 1/16
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INCH EXPOSED FIRING PIN. ONLY MALRKINGS WERE "M-5"

ON TWO OF THE ROCKETS AND "M-6", "M-9" ON THE OTHER TWO. IT IS APPARENT THAT THESE ROCKETS ARE ELECTRICALLY FIRED DURING CONVENTIONAL MILITARY USE. AT TIME OF DISCOVERY, THE FOUR WERE NOT CONNECTED TO ANYTHING BUT WERE MERELY STORED IN THE PACKET. ROCKETS ARE MILITARY ISSUE, DEFINITELY NOT AMERICAN MADE BUT POSSIBLY BRITISH.

4. ACCESS/PACKAGE CONTROL. GERMANS REVEALED THAT THEY HAVE HAD PACKAGE CONTROL ONLY FOR PAST FOUR WEEKS AND THAT PRIOR TO THAT, LITTLE OR NO CONTROLS EXISTED. IT IS POSSIBLE THEREFORE THAT ROCKETS WERE IN THE CABINET FOR SOME TIME.

5. AGAIN AT REQUEST OF GERMAN OFFICIAL, RSO MET WITH THEIR AMBASSADOR AND INFORMALLY RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING:

A. A COMPLETE AND DETAILED PHYSICAL SEARCH OF THEIR CHANCERY, TO DETERMINE IF OTHER DEVICES OR COMPONENTS EXIST. IN THEORY, THE ROCKETS COULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN EARLIER WITH THE INTENT OF BRINGING IN THE REST OF THE TOTAL DEVICE PIECEMEAL TO AVOID DETECTION.

B. INSTITUTE STRICT RPT STRICT PACKAGE AND VISITOR CONTROL TO INCLUDE CAREFUL SUPERVISION OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

C. CONTACT THE SUDANESE MILITARY LIAISON GROUP IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF THE ROCKETS WHICH APPEAR TO BE QUITE AGED AND POSSIBLY UNSTABLE.

D. IN VIEW OF TERRORIST TRIAL CURRENTLY UNDER WAY IN GERMANY, BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS.

6. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE WOULD IMPLEMENT THE SUGGESTIONS AND THAT HE INTENDED TO NOTIFY THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN BONN.
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